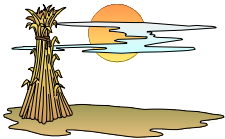


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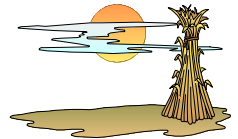
Friends, Associates and Customers of AIEO: AIEO UPDATE is published at least four times each year to provide information on the activities of the USEPA's American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO). AIEO greatly encourages input and feedback. AIEO UPDATE is available through electronic mail and in the EPA AIEO Web Page under "What's New" and "Publications." Please contact Marlene RedDoor at (202) 260-7284 or through e-mail (regelski-reddoor.marlene@epa.gov) for more information or submissions you may have.



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EPA LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 11

EPA launched a new web site on EPA's involvement in New York City and Washington, DC following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. On this web site, EPA lists current air quality and water quality monitoring data for asbestos, particulate matter, PCBs, and drinking water at both the World Trade Center and Pentagon. EPA also answers frequently asked questions about air and water quality around these areas and provides a link to press releases and other news stories related to EPA's involvement in testing and clean up efforts at the World Trade Center and Pentagon. For more information, visit EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/wtc/> on the Internet.

WATER PROTECTION TASK FORCE

On Oct. 5, EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman formed the **Water Protection Task Force** to help federal, state, local and tribal partners safeguard the nation's drinking water supply from terrorist attacks. Tonya Fish is assigned to this Task Force as AIEO's representative. One of the top priorities to ensure the Tribal water utilities are receiving the same security alerts as State facilities and that Tribal utility managers can quickly be notified in the event of an emergency. At AIEO's request, the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) is sending out a broadcast fax of fact sheets to all tribal leaders, alerts and other informational items received from the task force. The Task Force is also working on developing training on various relevant topics, such as vulnerability assessments, to which Tribes will have access. The training delivery would include various methods, such as classroom, train-the-trainer, satellite downlink, or web based training. Fact sheets and Q's & A's on protecting the nation's water supplies from terrorist attacks are available at www.epa.gov/safewater/security/secfs.html. **AIEO Contact: Tonya Fish at (202) 260-0769 or fish.tonya@epa.gov.**

NOVEMBER 2001 - NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

A committee chaired by the Office of Civil Rights has put together the 2001 Program for American Indian Heritage month. The program will include showings of the movie "In Light of Reverence", and an opening ceremony program at the Old Post Office Pavilion on Thursday, November 8 from 10:30 am until noon and 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm. Performances by the Traditional Drum group and Grammy Award winning "THA TRIBE" is featured along with a keynote speech by Dr. Gerald Gipp, Executive Director of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (organization of all 32 Tribal Colleges). Other activities include: a November 15 workshop on "Inspiring Employees and Building Morale" (contact OCR to register - (202) 564-7272); and a "Working Effectively with Tribes" workshop on November 28. **AIEO Contact: Chayo Torres, (202) 260-2501, torres.chayo@epa.gov.** A program of events can be found on "What's New" on the AIEO web page: <http://www.epa.gov/indian>

THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GAP) *AIEO has national program responsibility for administering the GAP program to support development of Tribal Environmental Programs. Established in 1993, GAP funds assist Tribal Governments and Intertribal Consortia in planning, developing or establishing environmental protection programs.*

RECENT GAP SITE VISITS: A big thank you to the Wiyot, Bear River, Yurok, Karuk environmental programs for being such gracious hosts during the recent site visits (October 15-18). Rodges Ankrah accompanied Tim Wilhite, place-based Region 9 Tribal Project Officer, on his regular visits. The discussions and visits focused heavily on disposing of "iron bunnies" (abandoned vehicles), general solid waste management challenges, and other environmental management challenges faced by each community. **AIEO contacts:** (GAP) **Rodges Ankrah** at (202) 260-9840, ankrah.rodges@epa.gov and **Marty Kucera** (202) 260-7773, kucera.martha@epa.gov

BASELINE ASSESSMENTS - *A specific objective of the EPA Strategic Plan is to work with Indian Tribes to assess Indian Country for its environmental conditions. The purpose of the Baseline Assessment of Indian Country is to assemble, in an easy to use and accessible format, the environmental data important to support sound environmental planning and management, both for the Tribes and for EPA.*

AIEO has achieved its 2001 objective for the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) by assembling profiles of 200 tribes within a comprehensive environmental information management system called TIMS, the Tribal Information Management System. The 200 profiled account for 90% of the land base of Indian country. The profiles were based on information from public domain databases from EPA and other federal agencies, and also from reports collected in the regional offices that were submitted as deliverables from various EPA grants programs. Understandably, in light of the problems of September 11, the TIMS application, and other EPA enterprise applications, is being held in password protected format until the agency rethinks its policies on security and access for environmental information. **AIEO Contact: Dr. Ed Liu**, (202) 260-9872, liu.ed@epa.gov

TRIBAL ACCOUNTABILITY TRACKING SYSTEM - The Tribal Accountability Tracking System (TATS) is being developed as a tool for AIEO and Regional Indian Programs to report annually on activities in Indian Country as they relate to GPRA's Goal 4, Objective 6: Assessing Environmental Conditions in Indian country. TATS is expected to be running by December 2001. TATS will be incorporated in to the Tribal Information Management System (TIMS) as part of AIEO's Baseline Assessment project. AIEO Contact: Marty Kucera (202) 260-7773, kucera.martha@epa.gov.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: *The Tribal Operations Committee (TOC) consists of the EPA Senior Leadership Council from EPA HQ and Regions, and the Tribal Caucus - (Tribal Representatives from each of EPA's Regions). Tribal Caucus members are selected by the Tribes in each Region. This group meets on a regular basis to discuss implementation of the environmental protection programs for which EPA and the Tribes share responsibility as co-regulators. All Tribes are encouraged to communicate with members of the TOC. A list of current Tribal Caucus Members is available through AIEO, Regions and on the AIEO Web Page at: <http://www.epa.gov/indian>*

TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE: The Tribal Caucus of the Tribal Operations Committee held elections of officers at its policy planning/election meeting on November 5-7, 2001 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The new list of officer is as follows:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary

Chairman Apesanahkwat
Don Aragon
Derrith Watchman Moore

Menominee Tribe
Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes
Navajo Nation

The Tribal Caucus also discussed plans for a meeting of the National Tribal Caucus with the Regional Tribal Caucuses to be held in March 2002. **AIEO Contact: Theresa Fleming**, (202) 260-3986, Fleming-Blue.Theresa@epa.gov

TRIBAL SCIENCE COUNCIL:

It's purpose is to :foster interaction between Tribal and EPA representatives for collaboration on environmental science issues, develop sound holistic, integrated and cross-media scientific approaches, and support the subsistence, religious, and ceremonial lifestyles of Native Americans now and for future generations. Major goals of the Council are to: develop a better understanding of the priority science issues of Tribes and the Agency's ability to address these issues, consider those issues as part of the Agency's formal planning process, reach consensus on collaborative approaches for addressing priority issues, share scientific products, and promote EPA/Tribal partnerships in development and application of sound science. Representatives from EPA were nominated from each Region and Program Office. Tribal representatives were nominated by Tribes within each EPA Region.

The first full Tribal Science council meeting with both Agency and Tribal Representatives together will be held in Arizona on December 11-13, 2001. EPA will be represented by its program offices and regions, including ORD Labs. One Tribal Representative from each EPA Region will serve on the Council as well. The participants will share processes, knowledge and priorities; create how the organization will be defined and how it will function, and; move forward with priority issues identified.

Tribal Representatives on the Tribal Science Council

<u>Region</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tribe</u>
1	Dan Kusnierz	Penobscot Nation
2	Mary Arquette	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
		Akwesasne Taskforce on the Environment
	James Ransom (alternate)	Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force
4	Bernadette Hudnell	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
5	John Persell	Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Research Lab
6	Kendal H. Coats	Muscogee (Creek) Nation
7	Gina Kneib	Sac & Fox Tribe of Missouri in Kansas
8	Fran King-Brown	Southern Ute Indian Tribe
9	Kesner Flores Jr.	Cortina Indian Rancheria
10	Chris Gannon	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

AIEO contact: Marlene Reddoor, (202) 260-7284; regelski-reddoor.marlene@epa.gov **ORD Contact and TSC Coordinator,** Claudia Walters, (202) 564-6762, walters.claudia@epa.gov

PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (PPGs)

were first proposed as a budgetary and administrative amendment in FY 96. They are intended to increase grant regulatory flexibility and relieve administrative burdens without sacrificing accountability for federal funds and to allow multimedia and pollution prevention strategies. They are proposed for states as well as Tribes.

The **Performance Partnership Grant (PPG)** Tribal Rule (40CFR Part 35B) took effect on April 17, 2001. **PPG Assistance Materials:** AIEO is working with Wright Solutions, Inc. to develop assistance materials for Tribes and Regions interested in developing and negotiating Performance Partnership Grants. Draft materials will be made available for comment in early 2002. The Federal Register Notice of the entire PPG Final Rule may be viewed on the internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-GENERAL/2001/January/Day-16/g219.htm>. **AIEO Contact:** Rodges Ankrah, (202) 260-9849 or ankrah.rodges@epa.gov

BUDGET NEWS

FY 2001 - AIEO is currently working on EPA's FY 2001 Annual Performance Report due to the President and Congress by February 27, 2002. This report will consolidate the FY 2001 reporting requirements for performance results, management integrity and audit issues, and financial statements. Each Goal Team is responsible for including Tribal accomplishments contributing to environmental outcomes or significant programmatic achievements. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) has scheduled a review of the full report for the Tribal Caucus in January 2002.

FY 2002 - Beginning on November 1, 2001, EPA has operated under another Continuing Resolution (CR), which funds the Agency through November 16, 2001. This CR is in effect until the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Bill is signed into law by the President, or November 16, 2001, whichever comes first. On Thursday November 8, 2001, the House and Senate passed the FY 2002 VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Conference Report (107-272). The House passed the Conference Report by a vote of 401 to 18, and the Senate passed it by a vote of 87 to 7. This Bill provides a total of \$7,903,213,000 for EPA, which is an increase of \$590,612,700 over the President's Request and \$71,000,000 over the FY 2001 enacted level.

FY 2003 - The Office of Management and Budget is currently marking up EPA's FY 2003 Budget Request. Passback from OMB is anticipated in late November 2001. **AIEO Contact:** Martha Kucera, (202) 260-7773, kucera.martha@epa.gov

AIEO NEWS

DIRECTOR OF AIEO : The process of recruiting a new American Indian Environmental Office Director is ongoing. The deadline for submissions of names and resumes was September 31, 2001. Interviews for candidates will be set up during November and December.

ON DETAIL TO AIEO: LISA TATAKIS: from Office of Water Immediate Office. She will be working on Administrative and Budget tasks.

AIEO IS MOVING to Interstate Commerce Commission Building - next to other EPA office buildings, Ariel Rios and Ronald Regan. The new location will be: to the at 1201 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20004. The expected move date is January 10, 2002. Details will be provided in the next Update and on the AIEO Web page. **AIEO Contact: Clara Mickles (202)260-7519 , mickles.clara@epa.gov.)**

NEW AGENCY APPOINTEES: In October, EPA Administrator Whitman appointed three new Regional Administrators: Jane M. Kenny, Region 1; James (Jimmy) I. Palmer, Region 4; and Wayne Nastri, Region 9. The President intends to nominate J. Paul Gilman to be Assistant Administrator for Research and Development. Background information on these appointees can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/newsroom.htm>.

OTHER NEWS FROM PROGRAMS, REGIONS and PARTNERS- *News on Meetings, Publications, Training, Interagency Workgroups, etc.*

EPA Regional Indian Coordinators (RICs) Meeting – December 5-6, 2001 in Seattle, WA will be held in conjunction with the NEJAC meeting. The meeting's primary purpose is to develop a common understanding for responding to Tribes and to hear current progress on ongoing national Tribal initiatives. Region 10 will host the meeting. For more information contact: James Sappier, Lead Region 1 Coordinator at (617) 918-1672, sappier.james@epa.gov or Clara Mickles at (202) 260-7519, mickles.clara@epa.gov.

EXECUTIVE ORDER ON TRIBAL CONSULTATION - Number 13175 requires EPA and other federal agencies to establish and follow various procedures for consulting with federally recognized Tribal governments when the federal agencies' actions have substantial direct effects on Indian Tribes. (This document can be accessed on the Internet at www.epa.gov/indian/polin.htm.)

EPA Administrator, Christine Todd Whitman signed a letter to Tribal Leaders of all the 560+ Federally recognized Tribes in late September asking them to provide insights to assist in developing appropriate and useful guidance on implementation of Tribal Consultation and Coordination within EPA. The letter requested support in defining two specific aspects of the order: definitions of "policies with Tribal implications" and "an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely input by Tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies."

In addition, Each EPA Region with Tribes has selected a representative to advise EPA's EO 13175 workgroup on an agency guidance for conducting consultation. One of the more challenging and unique goals of this workgroup is to devise actual procedures and processes agreeable to both the Agency and Tribes, that will result in meaningful consultation. To begin this work, the tribal representatives and EPA will be meeting in Washington D.C. on November 14-15, 2001. The tentative name of the meeting is "A Dialogue with Tribal Leaders on EO 13175: Coordination and Consultation with Indian Tribal Governments." Administrator Whitman will be providing opening remarks. **AIEO Contact: Jose Aguto** ,(202-260-6084), aguto.jose@epamail.epa.gov.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

NEJAC FISH CONSUMPTION AND WATER QUALITY MEETING: December 3-6, 2001 - The National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), a federal advisory committee to the EPA, is scheduled to meet December 3-6, 2001, in Seattle, Washington to focus on **Fish Consumption and Water Quality**. The Policy issue which will be the theme of the meeting is: What is the relationship between water quality, fish consumption and environmental justice? The Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) will be posting additional information on the meeting on the NEJAC web site once it becomes available. (<http://es.epa.gov/oeca/main/ej/nejac/index.html>). The NEJAC meeting is open to the public. **OEJ Contact: Danny Gogal**, (202) 564-2576, gogal.danny@epa.gov, **AIEO Contact: Bob Smith**, (202) 260-8202, smith.bob-nmi@epa.gov

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (ORD)

EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking requests for applications (RFA) in two areas of research. One area concerns **epidemiologic research on the health effects of long-term exposure to ambient particulate matter and other air pollutants**. This RFA invites applications for the following two specific types of particulate matter air pollution research: (1) retrospective epidemiologic studies that make use of currently available information on health and air quality; (2) methods/model development studies relating to future, prospective epidemiologic research. **Opening Date: August 28, 2001; Closing Date: January 18, 2002.**

The second solicitation seeks the development of **regionalized watershed classification schemes** that can be used within the context of a national framework for determining ecosystem vulnerability, designing monitoring systems, and identifying watershed restoration opportunities. Regionalized classification schemes should be based on a strong conceptual understanding of watershed processes, as well as illustrating quantitative linkages among watershed attributes, loadings, and ecological responses. **Opening date: October 1, 2001; Closing date: January 30, 2002.** For more information, visit: <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/>.

EPA's Office of Research and Development Announces Requests for Applications for Graduate and Undergraduate Fellowship Programs. EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, manages a graduate fellowship grant program for master's and doctoral level students in environmentally related fields of study. EPA also manages the Minority Academic Institute (MAI) fellowship program for undergraduate and graduate study in environmental fields. All of these fellowship programs are designed to encourage promising students to obtain advanced degrees and pursue careers in environmental areas. The deadline for receipt of pre-applications for all three fellowship programs is November 19, 2001. For detailed information about applying for these fellowship programs, visit: <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/>

The EPA **Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Graduate Fellowship Program** is offering graduate fellowships for master's and doctoral level students in environmentally related fields of study. Subject to availability of funding, the Agency plans to award approximately 100 new fellowships by July 22, 2002. Master's level students may receive support for a maximum of two years. Doctoral students may be supported for a maximum of three years. The fellowship program provides up to \$34,000 per year of support. This amount covers a \$17,000 annual stipend, \$5,000 for authorized expenses, and up to \$12,000 for tuition and fees. Actual annual support may vary based on length of fellowship award and tuition and fees.

The EPA **Minority Academic Institutions Graduate Fellowship Program** offers fellowships for master's and doctoral level students in environmentally related fields of study. Subject to availability of funding, the Agency plans to award approximately 25 new fellowships by July 22, 2002. Master's level students may receive support for a maximum of two years. Doctoral students may be supported for a maximum of three years. The fellowship program provides up to \$34,000 per year of support. This amount covers a \$17,000 annual stipend, \$5,000 for authorized expenses, and up to \$12,000 for tuition and fees. Actual annual support may vary based on length of fellowship award and tuition and fees.

The EPA **Minority Academic Institutions Undergraduate Fellowship Program** is offering fellowships for bachelor-level students in environmentally related fields of study. Subject to availability of funding, the Agency plans to award approximately 20 new fellowships by July 22, 2002. Undergraduate level students may receive support for their final two years of undergraduate study and a Summer Internship at an EPA facility between their junior and senior years. The fellowship program provides up to \$15,200 per year of support. This amount covers a \$2,700 9-month stipend, \$2,500 for authorized expenses, and up to \$10,000 for tuition and fees. The Summer Internship stipend will be compensated separately and is not included in this amount.

OFFICE OF POLLUTION, PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES (OPPTS)

OPPTS TRIBAL PROGRAM STRATEGY: OPPTS is in Phase II of its development of an *OPPTS Tribal Strategic Plan*. The development of a Tribal Strategic Plan allows OPPTS to build a better foundation for implementing its programs in Indian Country in accordance with EPA's Indian Policy. The Plan will identify key goals and objectives for Indian Tribes and will provide a map for OPPTS to follow as it implements Tribal programs well into the 21st Century. Also, the Plan can assist OPPTS with future development of EPA's overall Strategic Plan which is the basis for planning, budgeting, and accountability in fulfilling the requirements under the Government Performance and Result Act (GPRA). A workgroup has been established comprised of managers and staff from across OPPTS programs and Region 5 and 8, which will coordinate with the other Regions to oversee the development of the Plan. Tribal input has already been sought from key OPPTS Tribal representatives including the National Tribal Operations Committee, the Forum on State and Tribal Toxic Action Tribal Work Group, and the Tribal Pesticides Program Council. In order to get a broader reach to Indian country, OPPTS is holding a series of Focus Group meetings for hearing Tribal Input around the country. Below is the schedule of those Focus Groups. **OPPT Contact:** Mary Lauterbach, (202) 260-9563, Lauterbach.Mary@epa.gov

OPPTS FOCUS GROUP SCHEDULE:

I. Completed Focus Groups

1. August 24th Seattle - Region 10 RTOC Meeting - (invited Region 9 representatives)
2. October 19th R5 Lead Meeting - (Invited tribal representatives from Region 4)
3. October 29th Alaska - Native American Health Board Meeting

II. Cancelled Focus Groups (which were previously scheduled but affected by the Sept 11 Tragedy)

1. September 19th Region - 1 Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Meeting At Wampanoag Tribe
2. September 21th Region 8 - RTOC Meeting (invited Representatives from Regions 6 & 7)

III. Proposed Future Focus Groups Locations

1. November 30th- Region 8 Tribal Operations Committee Meeting-Denver, Colorado
2. December 10 -13 - International Conference on Building Native Nations: Environment, Natural Resources, and Governance, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy

FORUM ON STATE AND TRIBAL TOXICS (FOSTTA) TRIBAL AFFAIRS PROJECT (TAP) Due to efforts to recruit representatives for the FOSTTA Tribal Affairs Project, there are now primary representatives for all nine regions with Federally recognized Tribes, except one and alternate representatives for three of the regions. The goal is to have primary and alternate members for all the regions. Seven tribal representatives participated in the October 22-23, 2001, FOSTTA TAP meeting in Washington, DC. At the opening session, Susan B. Hazen, the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, gave an overview of EPA news/priorities and talked about Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics issues, including the High Production Volume Challenge Program, Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Programs, Persistent, Bioaccumulative Toxic Chemicals, Persistent Organic Pollutants/Prior Informed Consent, lead, and dioxin. After the opening session, the Tribal Affairs Project participated in a session on Tribal Risk Assessment and had an in depth discussion on Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments. At the Spring 2002 FOSTTA TAP meeting, plans are under way to have an all-day session on Tribal Risk Assessment and a presentation by the Tribal Science Council on its activities. **OPPT Contact:** Darlene Harrod, **FOSTTA Coordinator**, 202-564-8814, harrod.darlene@epa.gov

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (OEI)

The Office of Environmental Information (OEI) is the newest office headed by a political appointee at the Assistant Administrator (or "AA") level. In the 2001 budget for EPA, there is an appropriation for \$25 M to develop interactive information infrastructure, or Network Exchange nodes for EPA agencies. 10% of these monies, or \$2.5 M, has been set aside for tribal grants. Draft guidance for these grants will be sent to tribes for comment in the month of October. It is anticipated that final guidance and requests for proposals (RFPs) will be sent out in January 2002. For more information, **AIEO Contact:** Ed Liu at 202-260-9872 or liu.ed@epa.gov.

OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (OSWER)

NATIONAL TRIBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (NTCEM)

Biennially since 1992, the EPA-sponsored National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management has grown into one of the premier environmental events in Indian country. The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response initiated this conference in 1992 and has co-sponsored the conference biannually into the present. Originally focused on solid waste activities, the conference has evolved in a diverse direction of environmental topics and attracts roughly 600 participants, including Tribes, tribal organizations, states, and federal program managers from across the Nation. A national tribal conference of this magnitude provides an excellent opportunity for sharing program information and public education on the various environmental media. The conference also provides EPA an opportunity to consult with a wide audience of tribal government representatives for various program purposes. Proposals for the 2002 NTCEM were due into EPA on August. All applicants have been evaluated by the selection committee. Final determination will be announced sometime in November 2001. **OSWER Contact: Felicia Wright**, (202) 260-4410, wright.felicia@epa.gov.

HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRIBES: The Fiscal Year 2002 "Hazardous Waste Grant Program for Tribes" will solicit project proposals during the month of November. The application deadline for this grant program is close of business on Friday January 18, 2002. Final award decisions will be announced in March. This schedule will allow EPA Regions and Tribes time to include hazardous waste management grant funds into performance partnership grants. If any Tribes in your Region have hazardous waste management issues and would benefit from EPA financial assistance, please work with the Region's Tribal Waste Management Program contact to develop a grant application. Please refer to Section III of the "RCRA Orientation Manual" for more information about the OSW RCRA hazardous waste program. The manual is available on line at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/general/orientat>. For more information, please contact your Region's Tribal Hazardous Waste Program contact or Luke Jones at headquarters (703-605-0728).

Tribal Hazardous Waste Management Program Contacts (RCRA Subtitle C) (please send corrections to Jones.Luke@epa.gov)

Region	Name	Phone	Fax/E-Mail
Region I	Chuck Franks	(617) 918-1554	
Region II	Lorraine Graves	(212) 637-4125	(212) 637-4437
Region IV	Patricia Herbert	(404) 562-8449	(404) 562-8439
Region V	Margaret Millard	(312) 353-1440	(312) 353-6519
Region VI	Paul Sieminski Ann Zimmerman	(214) 665-8503 (214) 665-8532	(214) 665-7263 (214) 665-6762
Region VII	Marc Rivas	(913) 551-7669	(913) 551-9669
Region VIII Region VIII, MT	Ron Lillich Susan Zazzali	(303) 312-6149 (406) 441-1130 (x226)	(303) 312-6064
Region IX	Rebecca Jamison	(415) 744-2098	(415) 744-1044
Region X Region X, AK	Nina Kocourek Jean Gamache	(206) 553-6502 (907) 271-6558	(206) 553-8509

RCRA NATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 15-18, 2002: The 2002 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) National Meeting will be held January 15-18 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. For the first time ever, the meeting will be fully open to the general public. As in previous years, the meeting will be open to staff and management from the EPA, States, and Tribes. The EPA welcomes Tribal participation. OSW is planning three sessions to address Tribal waste management: two will address municipal solid waste and one will address hazardous waste management. The overall theme of this year's meeting is "Partnerships for Cleaner Communities." There is no cost to register for the meeting, but pre-registration is required. You can pre-register for the meeting and arrange for overnight accommodations by using the meeting Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/meeting>. If electronic pre-registration is not possible, please **contact Anita Cummings** (703-308-8303, cummings.anita@epa.gov, **Gina Bowler** (703-308-7279, bowler.gina@epa.gov, or **Alan Strasser** (301-577-9339), astrasser@hazmed.com.

OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION (OAR)

OUTREACH TOOL KIT RELEASED TO HELP INDIAN TRIBES DEVELOP THEIR OWN AIR QUALITY PROGRAMS) - The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), has released a comprehensive set of tools to help Indian tribes develop their own air quality programs. The outreach tool kit was developed by AISES, (a private, non-profit organization) as part of its Air Quality Project under a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's, Office of Air and Radiation. The kit consists of: 1) a technical manual, *The Clean Air Handbook* and 2) a video, the "Winds of Change." The kit is being sent to all Federally-recognized Indian tribes and to Native-American Colleges.

The comprehensive technical manual will help tribes determine which Clean Air Act programs they may wish to implement. The manual will also help tribes develop and implement programs to meet their air quality goals and objectives. *The Clean Air Handbook* is being distributed as a hard copy manual and on a CD ROM for ease of use. It is also available on-line at <http://www.aises.org/programs/CAA/Handbook/index.htm>

The video, "Winds of Change", discusses tribal traditions, highlights the importance of establishing Tribal Air Programs and showcases activities being undertaken by Indian tribes to protect air quality, human health and the environment on tribal lands.

For more information, visit the AISES Air Quality Project web site at :<http://www.aises.org/programs/CAA/index.htm>. You may also **contact Michelle R. Baker, the AISES Air Quality Project Manager**, at michelle@aises.org or at 505-765-1052, extension 108, for further information.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AWARDED BY OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION to assist Indian tribes in the areas of air quality policy and with the development of tribal air quality programs - Through a cooperative agreement awarded by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) will develop a Tribal air quality organization support the full range of air quality policy and management issues faced by Tribal governments. NTEC will also provide analyses of developments in air quality policy and regulation, facilitate tribal participation and interaction with local, state and federal air quality managers and stakeholder groups and collect and disseminate information to help Indian tribes keep abreast of current developments and issues in environmental management. **NTEC Contact Jerry Pardilla**, Executive Director, National Tribal Environmental Council, at ntec@ntec.org or at 505-242-2175 for additional information.

EPA AWARDS CONTRACT TO NATIVE AMERICAN-OWNED COMPANY to support development and implementation of Tribal Air Quality Programs. The three year contract, awarded on September 17, 2001, is the first contract awarded by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) to provide assistance and support to Indian tribes as they begin to implement the Clean Air Act (CAA). Portage Environmental Inc., is a Native American-owned firm located in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The company has provided engineering and consulting services to Indian tribes and agencies of the federal government since 1992. The company will provide a wide range of technical, analytical and administrative support activities to assess, protect and improve air quality in Indian country. EPA's Regional Offices will work with individual Indian tribes and/or tribally-authorized consortia on projects that will be developed through this contract vehicle.

This contract is but one of many efforts initiated by the OAR to help Indian tribes develop the infrastructure, technical expertise and skills to develop, administer and implement their own programs under the Clean Air Act and the Tribal Authority Rule issued in 1998.

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